

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GIGI FAIRCHILD-LITTLEFIELD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

R. AMEZCUA, et al.,

Defendants.

**1:20-cv-00799-JLT-GSA-PC**

**ORDER REQUIRING DEFENDANT TO  
NOTIFY COURT WHETHER A  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WOULD  
BE BENEFICIAL**

**THIRTY-DAY DEADLINE**

**I. BACKGROUND**

On November 10, 2022, Plaintiff filed a request for the court to schedule a settlement conference for this case. (ECF No. 43 at 4:9-13.)

**II. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

The Court is able to refer cases for mediation before a participating United States Magistrate Judge. Settlement conferences are ordinarily held in person at the Court or at a prison in the Eastern District of California. Defendant shall notify the Court whether Defendant believes, in good faith, that settlement in this case is a possibility and whether Defendant is interested in having a settlement conference scheduled by the Court.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The parties may wish to discuss the issue by telephone in determining whether they believe settlement is feasible.

1 Defendant's counsel shall also notify the Court whether there are security concerns. If  
2 security concerns exist, counsel shall notify the Court whether those concerns can be adequately  
3 addressed, especially if Plaintiff is transferred for settlement only and then returned to prison  
4 thereafter for housing.

5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that within **thirty (30) days** from  
7 the date of service of this order, Defendant shall file a written response to this order.<sup>2</sup>

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: **November 17, 2022**

**/s/ Gary S. Austin**  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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28 <sup>2</sup> The issuance of this order does not guarantee referral for settlement, but the Court will make every reasonable attempt to secure the referral should both parties desire a settlement conference.